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JAPAN MUST STRIKE SOON

Most Noted German Military Expert Thinks She'll Take Pacific Islands.

AN INTOLERABLE MENACE

She Must Have Supremacy In Waters of Far East if She is to Live.

Preparing for an Aggressive War Before Completion of Great U. S. Fleet Which Would Ruin Her.

However Most Powerful U. S. Fleet Would be Powerless in Pacific Without Advance Bases—She Must Defend Her Political and Commercial Position—U. S. Has Been Very Negligent Not to Fortify Islands.

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Finishing Touches. The activity in Japan where an effort is being made by Japan to establish a coaling station at Manzanillo, was pointed out as an indication that, being satisfied with his ability to sweep the American flag out of the Orient, the Mikado, is now putting the finishing touches on his aggressive plans as asserted by Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson to declare war before the Panama canal is opened.

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PRESIDENT DIAZ IS REPORTED TO BE ON POINT OF RESIGNING



TRANSPORT PRINCE. MARINES BOARDING THE MONTANA. PHOTO COPYRIGHT BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Washington, March 14.—President Diaz of Mexico is expected to announce his retirement on account of ill health within the next fortnight. This statement is made by a prominent diplomat here. It established the most logical reason, barring a possible fatal illness of the aged Mexican executive, yet advanced for the "maneuvers" of one-fourth of the United States standing army near the Mexican border and for the movement of a large section of the United States navy conveniently near to Mexican waters.

That the cares of state have told upon the health of the eighty-one-year-old head of the Mexican republic is shown by the absence of the old time lion hand in dealing with domestic disturbance.

Philadelphia, March 14.—More than 700 marines sailed on the transport Prairie from the Philadelphia navy yard for Guantanamo, Cuba. The marines were drafted from Washington, Annapolis, Brooklyn, Boston, Newport and New London. The transport Dixie, which was ordered here from New York to take marines south, arrived at the navy yard, and immediately preparations to load the vessel with stores were begun. Like the Prairie, the Dixie will carry a huge shipment of ball cartridges. Another large detachment of marines is going southward on the armored cruiser Montana.

TOOK EIGHT AND A HALF DAYS BLATT-CONVERSE AFFAIR A LEVER

The Mobilization of an Entire Division Accomplished in Good Time.

U. S. May Be Able to Eliminate Mexican Pro-Japanese Officials By It.

EXPECT ACTION TO FOLLOW BOTH GOVERNMENTS POSITIVE

Declaration of Martial Law Will Cause Rising of All Northern Mexico.

Mobilization Encouraged Insurrectos to Believe Diaz Administration is About to Fall.

Hurried Movement of Maneuvering Bodies South Will Surely Follow. Map Makers Kept Very Busy Getting Ready Maps of Northern Mexican States—Troop Trains Still Held.

By United Press Wire. San Antonio, Texas, March 15.—With the arrival of the Ninth Cavalry and the Fourth field artillery in San Antonio, the entire division under Major General Carter is now in camp, eight and one-half days after the mobilization command was flashed out of Washington. Hundreds of recruits continue pouring into Fort Sam Houston every hour and are immediately assigned to regiments, where company commanders are drilling the rookies in feverish haste to prepare them with some form of military knowledge for the work expected.

Action Expected. That tomorrow will see some sign of action looking toward throwing the whole division toward the Mexican frontier is firmly believed by officers here.

The suspension of certain forms of constitutional rights in Mexico in effect a declaration of martial law, becomes effective Thursday and there is every reason to believe that the Mexican government intends to attempt to put down the revolt with an iron hand.

Revolutionists here declare advice from their comrades in Mexico say they are ready for any move by throwing all the northern Mexico into a state of insurrection.

Bitter Reproaches Planned. The moment Diaz carries out his intention of trying in military courts all persons guilty of the slightest outbreak the insurgents plan bitter reproaches.

News from the state of Coahuila, hitherto unaffected by the insurgent uprising, is given considerable credence. While General Carter refuses to discuss the situation, there is every reason to believe he is fully acquainted with the conditions and is preparing to entrain the entire division for points along the Mexican border within a few days—possibly before the end of the week.

WE MUST LEAD DISARMAMENT

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford Say Peace Must be Forced Upon Nations.

AN ALLIANCE COULD DO IT

Otherwise Nations will Rush To Arms with Lamentable Result.

Either Universal Bankruptcy or Early War Inevitable—Simple Under-Understanding Sufficient.

England is Too Vulnerable to Take Lead But With Her Assistance America Could Force Peace Between Any Two Nations by Her Control of Food Markets.

By United Press Wire. London, March 15.—In a remarkable interview given to the United Press today, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, one of England's foremost statesmen and fighting men, declared that America must take the initiative in bringing about world peace and that America and England combined could force international disarmament. This subject is uppermost in the British mind today as the result of Foreign Secretary Grey's warm approval of President Taft's recent recommendation of an all-inclusive Anglo-American arbitration treaty. Lord Beresford claims the credit for originating the idea of such a treaty. His statement follows:

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In a speech at the Pillarins' dinner in New York in August, 1909, I declared in favor of an arbitration treaty between England and the United States to include all questions of dispute. I believed then and I believe now that such a treaty would insure the world's peace and ultimate disarmament.

Otherwise a Race for Armament. I did not discuss a formal alliance as I believe a simple understanding would be sufficient. If the United States and England agreed to use their influence and resources to keep peace it is hard to conceive of any other nation attempting war. With such an agreement, the international race for armaments will be inevitably result in universal bankruptcy or an early war. There can be no other outcome.

America must take the initiative in this movement. England is the world's most vulnerable nation because the seizing of her trade routes in the event of war would cripple her desperately within a week. To England war is a matter of life or death while to other great powers it would merely be a circumstance. Therefore England must maintain her lead in armaments at any sacrifice. England is consequently stopped from forcing her peace views on the rest of Europe.

However, U. S. Must Take Lead. But the United States is absolutely invulnerable. Any of her assailants would be eaten up. Therefore, she is well able to take the lead in establishing universal arbitration.

If unable to establish the peace principle unaided, America could undoubtedly succeed with England's co-operation. Wars of aggression are easier to prevent than wars where honor is involved but even the latter would be preventable if the disputants knew that it would be made difficult for them to fight.

Have Control of Markets. For instance, the United States and England practically controlling the world's markets could make it almost impossible the conduct of a prolonged struggle by any other two nations. I care not what two are named. This control of the markets, backed by the combined fleets of the two countries, would inevitably render war impossible.

This is why I want America to take the first step. I think England would follow. If the administration of the two nations do not act, let the two great Anglo-Saxon families move spontaneously.

Quick and Cheap Legal Work. The French tribunal of commerce presided over by a judge without a jury. The plaintiff's lawyer argues his own case before the judge, simply to show that he has a case and the nature of it. The defendant does not plead, but if he can dispute the facts if the judge considers there is no case he dismisses the plaintiff. In the contrary case he appoints an assessor out of a dozen chosen yearly of the town's reputed merchants to decide upon it. The following day the assessor calls the parties to his room in the court. He hears each of them separately without any lawyers. Within fifteen minutes he gathers their documents and dismisses them. Two or three days later he communicates his judgment to the solicitors through the court, and the business is ended. The costs of law and the court fees come to about 65 a side. The same case in England would take six months at least and cost no less than £150 for a claim of £50.—London Mail.

CLASH BETWEEN TWO ATTORNEYS

Trouble When Judge Dennis Tried to Obtain Habeas Corpus For Brakeman.

ACCUSED OF SHOOTING SLEUTH

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Judge Denton attacked the attitude of the railroad, declaring it compelled its employees to go armed and then caused their arrest when the officers were obeyed. Attorney Waddle declared a condition of anarchy made it necessary to arm the railroad employees.

All brakemen are going armed, it is declared here.

Test to Quiet Sympathizers. Vice President H. O. Teat, of the Firemen's union this morning went to Kings Mountain with a view to quieting strike sympathizers who have been holding on trains in the strike of more than 200 Queen & Crescent firemen and who say preference was given negro firemen in promotion.

Before leaving Teat said the firemen are not responsible for the actions of the mountaineers and they will do all in their power to prevent the armed demonstrations which have been made at this point.

Armed men in the employ of the Queen & Crescent railroad are patrolling every foot of track between Kings Mountain and Somerset today.

Every Foot Guarded. This conforms with the statement of Superintendent Caldwell, in charge of the division between Chattanooga and Cincinnati last night that no attempt would be made to operate freight trains until every foot of the road is guarded.

More than sixty men were on guard this morning along the open road. They were so placed that each guard was at all times in sight of the two guards stationed nearest him.

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